

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are three separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect Group I (drawn to an optical contrast agent with affinity for an abnormally expressed biological target associated with prostate cancer), as set forth in claims 1-9 and 12 without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

The Official Action further requires an election of species and in accordance with the requirement for an election; Applicants elect the species Cy5-EGF of Example 10 at [0162] (page 15 of US 2008/0044350 A1). The claims covering the elected species are claims 1-9 and 12.

Applicants make the election without traverse.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that might arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

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